under National Highways Development Project (Phase-I & II) in the State of Bihar is 717 km. A length of 206 km is on Golden Quadrilateral, out of which 59 km has been completed and 147 km is under implementation. the remaining 511 km. length is on East-West Corridor, out of which 43 km. is under implementation and balance 468 km. is yet to be awarded.

The total length identified for inclusion under NHDP Phase-III (Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana) is 890 km, which is under proposal stage.

(b) The following sub-projects under NHDP Phase-III are proposed to provide connectivity to Patna from various places by 4-lane road:

(i) Purnea-Khagaria-Bakhtiarpur section to Patna through NH-31 and NH-30 *via* Bakhtiarpur.

(ii) Gopalganj-Chapra-Hajipur section to Patna through NH-85 and NH-19 *via* Hajipur.

(iii) Sonbarsa-Muzaffarpur section to Patna through NH-77 and NH-19 *via* Muzaffarpur and Hajipur.

(iv) Buxar to Patna through NH-84/NH-30 *via* Ara.

Safety of labour

*229. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are executing any programme to create awareness of the safety of labour at their work place;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the segments identified and funds allocated for the purpose to Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various programmes to create awareness on safety of labour at their workplace are organised in the mines through Directorate General of Mines Safety, and in other organised sectors through the Directorate General of Factory Advice Service and Labour Institute and the National Safety Council. Annual Safety Day, Safety Week and Safety Campaigns,

are conducted at the worksites with the assistance of managements by these organisations. Separate National Safety Awards are given by the Government for mines as well as factories and ports, *inter-alia*, to ensure observance of suitable safety norms at work place.

(c) These Safety Campaigns are organised in all the States, including Tamil Nadu. Funds for organising awareness campaign programmes are provided by the managements of respective companies/units at local level.

Creation of job opportunities

†*230. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that development without creating additional job opportunities would not prove beneficial for the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether Government would consider to bring about changes in the present industrial policy so as to accord priority and importance to the creation of jobs in the future plans of the country; and

(d) if so, the comprehensive details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The approach to Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan has reiterated that growth of employment should exceed growth of labour force. Government is committed to economic reforms with a human face that stimulates growth, investment and employment.

(c) and (d) The Government is committed to take all necessary steps to revive industrial growth through a range of policies including deregulation, where necessary; introducing incentives to boost private investment; and strengthening of regulatory institutions to ensure free competition. Foreign Direct Investement (FDI) will continue to be encouraged and actively sought, particularly in areas of infrastructure, high technology and exports, and where local assets and employment are created on a significant scale.

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